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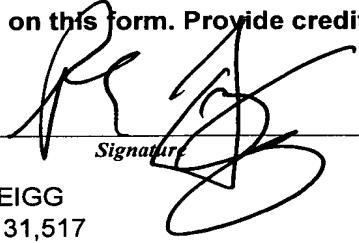
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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 31 August 2006 (31.08.2006)	
Applicant's or agent's file reference KE01007PCT	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
International application No. PCT/JP2004/000214	International filing date (day/month/year) 14 January 2004 (14.01.2004)
Applicant KYOTO ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING CO., LTD. et al	

1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference KE01007PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/JP2004/000214	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 14 January 2004 (14.01.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant KYOTO ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44bis.1(a).
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. II	Priority
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
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Date of issuance of this report
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

Applicant's or agent's file reference KE01007PCT		Date of mailing (day/month/year)	
International application No. PCT/JP2004/000214		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below	Priority date (day/month/year)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC			
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<p>1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application</p>
<p>2. FURTHER ACTION</p> <p>If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.</p> <p>If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.</p> <p>For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.</p> <p>3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.</p>

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.

PCT/JP2004/000214

Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>3, 4</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1, 2</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	<u>1 - 4</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1 - 4</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1, 2

Document 1: JP 56-147013 A (Kyoto Electronics Manufacturing Co., Ltd.), 14 November 1981, Full text; all drawings

Document 1 describes a sampling device provided with a peristaltic pump (the tube pump (4)) and two sets of light detectors for controlling the peristaltic pump.

Also a technique of using the two sets of light detectors to detect a change in the sample flow volume due to clogging in the tube or the like and of controlling the pump to correct the flow volume change is disclosed. This examination therefore finds that constituting means for determining whether or not the sample has been introduced and means for controlling the peristaltic pump based on the determination results presents no particular difficulty.

Claim 3

Document 2: WO 96/4067 A (FSM Technologies Ltd.), 15 February 1996, Full text; all drawings

Document 1 discloses technique of determining whether or not a sample has been introduced based on the elapsed time since sampling and the output of the two sets of light detectors.

Document 2 discloses a limit sensor (pressure sensors 20a and 20b) provided in the channel from the measuring unit (sensor 8) for discharging sample and technique of controlling a peristaltic pump 17 based on the output of the limit sensor.

Since documents 1 and 2 both describe a sampling device, applying the technique disclosed in document 2 of providing a limit sensor in the channel from the measuring unit for discharging sample to the sampling device described in document 1 and constituting such as in claim 3 would be obvious for a person skilled in the art.

Claim 4

Document 3: Microfilm of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 194044/1981 (Laid-open No. 100039/1983), Full text; all drawings

Document 3 discloses a sheet (Teflon sheet (15)) at the seal portion of a sample container and a member inserted therein and buffer rubber (silicon rubber piece (14)).

Since both documents 1 and 3 disclose a sampling device, applying the seal portion made from a sheet and buffer rubber disclosed in document 2 to the sampling device disclosed in document 1, and constituting such as in claim 4 would be obvious for a person skilled in the art.